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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD

PRETORIA FOR RSO; ADDIS ABABA FOR RSS

1. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE POST TO EMBASSY STATUS AND ITS EXPANDED STAFF AND MISSION, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE INTRODUCTION OF A MARINE SECURITY GUARD COMPLEMENT TO COINCIDE WITH THESE EVENTS.

2. SHOULD THE INTRODUCTION OF A MARINE COMPLEMENT BE FEASIBLE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE INITIAL APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES INDICATE THE DESIRE TO HAVE AN MSG COMPLEMENT AS MOST U.S. DIPLOMATIC POSTS IN THE WORLD; THAT THE MARINES ARE ASSIGNED AS TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF; THAT THEIR PRIME DUTIES ARE INTERNAL PROTECTION OF U.S. CLASSIFIED OPERATIONS; THAT THE MARINES WOULD HAVE NO LIAISON FUNCTION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT

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MILITARY AND THAT THEY ARE IN UNIFORM AND ARMED ON DUTY

WITHIN THE DIPLOMATIC PREMISES.

3. THIS APPROACH NORMALLY ELIMINATES RESTRICTIONS ON ASSIGNMENTS OF MSG AND OPENLY AND POSITIVELY STATES THE NORMAL PRACTICE OF UNIFORMS AND WEAPONS ON DUTY.

4. IF HOST GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CONCEPT IS RECEIVED, THE POST SHOULD CONSIDER THE AVAILABILITY OF CONSOLIDATED HOUSING FOR SINGLE WATCHSTANDERS AND SEPARATE QUARTERS FOR AN ACCOMPANIED NCOIC AND THE SUPPORT COSTS. REFER 3 FAM 149 AND 4 FAM 810-815.

5. ADVISE DEPT OF VIEWS THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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